

REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependent claims, thereby reducing PTO filing fees.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [-4], wherein the ratio between calcium nitrate and carbon is in the range from 4:1 to 2:1.